ANNUAL REPORTS

of the town of

Stratham

New Hampshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1948

As Compiled By The Town Officers

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

SELECTMEN,

TOWN TREASURER, HIGHWAY AGENTS,

BOARD OF EDUCATION, LIBRARY TRUSTEES

AND TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

of the town of

Stratham

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31,

1948

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TOWN OFFICERS

Supervisors of the Checklist

Levi H. Barker — Arnold Whittaker, Jr.
Clifford J. Sharp

Moderator

George C. Jewell

Town Clerk

Mary R. Tuck

Selectmen

Nelson E. Barker — *Walter A. Scamman
Elmer R. Wiggin

Treasurer

Leslie C. Scammon

Collector of Taxes

Ralph D. Parkman

Board of Education

W. Douglas Scamman — *Arnold Whittaker, Jr.
Raymond E. Tucker

Trustees of Trust Funds

Robert S. Berry — *Raymond E. Tucker
Russell A. Granton

Library Trustees

*Annie W. Scammon — Helen E. Gowen
Rev. Everard Snow

Highway Agent

Ernest T. Wiggin

Chief of Police

L. Russell Chapman

Board of Health

L. Russell Chapman

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* Term Expires

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents ($215.93) against the State's Eight Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Seventy Cents ($863.70) for state aid construction.

4. To see if the town will vote a 1 percent discount on such part of the taxes as are paid on or before August 15th.

5. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new Snow plow to replace the present Baker plow, raise and appropriate money for the same.

7. To see if the town will vote to install a fire exit in the Town Hall, to comply with the laws of the state of New Hampshire, raise and appropriate Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) for the same.

8. To see if the town will vote to level the Baseball diamond at Stratham Hill Park, raise and appropriate Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) for the same.

9. To see if the Town will vote to observe, during the month of August, 1949, the 50th Anniversary of Old Home Week, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and 49.

NELSON E. BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,
ELMER WIGGIN,
Selectmen of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NELSON E. BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,
ELMER WIGGIN,
Selectmen of Stratham.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 Compared with
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1948	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1948	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1949
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$400.00	$1,177.31	$1,177.31
Railroad Tax	25.00	18.28	18.28
Savings Bank Tax	130.00	126.65	126.65
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal	83.20	83.24	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		2.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Business Licenses and Permits		2.00	
Rent of Town Hall & Other Buildings	75.00	116.00	100.00
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	85.00	98.28	85.00
Income from Trust Funds	72.50	147.55	72.50
Income of Departments:	150.00	390.32	150.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00	1,450.31	1,500.00
Sale of Town Property		265.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	600.00	626.00	600.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.00		3.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	26,626.81	32,701.65	32,701.65
Total Revenues	$29,250.51	$37,204.59	$36,534.39

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1948	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1948	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1949
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,000.00	$1,135.21	$1,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	525.00	507.17	525.00
Election and Registration Expenses	175.00	160.00	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	600.00	620.74	600.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	200.00	86.69	100.00
Fire Department	500.00	479.90	500.00
Health:			
Health Department, incl. hospitals		2.00	10.00
Vital Statistics	40.00	19.70	20.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenances: Summer	3,500.00	3,942.58	4,000.00
Winter	3,000.00	4,187.31	2,500.00
Libraries	200.00	203.40	200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,500.00	1,962.50	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	1,524.58	1,500.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00	77.50	150.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	120.00	100.00	100.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses	100.00	103.27	100.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	66.00	66.00	79.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	30.00	70.83	70.00
Payments To Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,001.99	3,518.76	3,518.76
School Taxes	14,592.39	13,167.29	17,324.39
Total Expenditures	$30,750.35	$31,835.43	$35,397.15

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF STRATHAM

IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

NELSON E. BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,
ELMER R. WIGGIN,
Selectmen.

LESLIE C. SCAMMON,
Treasurer.

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	$4,728.38
Capital Reserve Fund:	
School	1,000.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1947	41.84
Levy of 1946	21.74
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1948	2,830.71
Total Assets	$8,622.67
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1947	$1,912.76
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1948	2,197.68
Increase	284.92

SHEET December 31, 1948

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:		
Due to School Districts:		
Dog licenses	$332.60	
Balance of Appropriation	5,092.39	
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Schools	1,000.00	
Total Liabilities		$6,424.99
Excess of assets over liabilities		2,197.68
Grand Total		$8,622.67

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current year	$29,913.57	
Poll taxes, Current Year—Reg. @ $2	526.00	
Total Current Year's taxes collected and remitted		$30,439.57
Property taxes, Previous years		2,788.08
Poll taxes, Previous years—Reg. @$2.		100.00
Tax sales redeemed		62.72

From State:

Interest and dividend tax	1,177.31	
Railroad tax	18.28	
Savings bank tax	126.65	
Fighting forest fires	83.24	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	2.00	

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	332.60	
Business licenses and permits	2.00	
Rent of town property	116.00	
Driveways	363.07	
Income from trust funds	147.55	
Income from departments	27.25	
Post Office Bldg.	250.00	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 Permits	5.15	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1948 Permits	1,445.16	
		4,096.26

CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS For the Year ended December 31, 1948

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries		$1,135.21
Town officers' expenses		507.17
Election and registration exp.		160.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings		620.74
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department		86.69
Fire department, including forest fires		479.90
Health:		
Health dept., including hospitals		2.00
Vital Statistics		19.70
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance:		
Summer	$3,942.58	
Winter	4,187.31	
		8,129.89
Libraries:		
Libraries		203.40
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance		1,524.58
Town poor		1,962.50
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts		77.50
Public Service Enterprises:		
Driveway fund		202.97
Cemeteries, including hearse hire		100.00

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	8,000.00	
Sale of town property, cemetery lot	15.00	
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		$8,015.00
Total Receipts from All Sources		$45,599.91
Cash on hand January 1, 1948		4,333.25
Grand Total		$49,933.16

Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	103.27	
Advertising and Reg. Associations	66.00	
Taxes bought by town	103.22	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	45.16	
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	70.83	
Total Interest payments		70.83
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges—State Aid construction	214.98	
Lands and buildings	2,211.26	
New equipment	2,491.76	
Total Outlay Payments		4,918.00
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	8,000.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		8,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes paid to County	3,518.76	
Payments to School Districts	13,167.29	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		16,686.05
Total Payments for all Purposes		45,204.78
Cash on hand December 31, 1948		4,728.38
Grand Total		$49,933.16

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, lands and Buildings	$13,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	400.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	8,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Police Department, equipment	100.00
Highway Department, equipment	4,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Total	$35,000.00

AUDITORS REPORT

January 31, 1949

We have this day examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen Ledger, Road Agents accounts, Trustees of Trust Funds and Library Fund, also Notes and Bonds payable and find proper vouchers cast and all accounts balance.

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,
NORRIS W. BEAN,
Auditors.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Land and Building		$682,020.00
Growing wood and timber		3,720.00
Electric plants		14,500.00
Horses, 65		5,500.00
Ponies, 3		75.00
Cows, 355		36,675.00
Neat Stock, 50		4,010.00
Fowls, 28,847		35,800.00
Wood and lumber		9,400.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks		1,585.00
Stock in trade		11,750.00
Mills and machinery		2,800.00
		$792,735.00
Soldiers' Exemptions		15,100.00
		$807,835.00
Amount of taxes to be committed to Tax Collector, including Polls and National Bank Stock		$33,181.13
Rate of Taxation	$4.10.	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries	$1,100.00
Town officers' expenses	525.00
Town hall	600.00
Police department	100.00
Fire department	500.00
Health department	10.00
Vital statistics	20.00
Summer roads	4,000.00
Winter roads	2,500.00
Library	200.00
Town Poor	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Legal Expenses	100.00
Seacoast Regional	79.00
Interest	70.00
County Tax	3,518.75

RUSSELL A. GRANTON
RALPH M. DAUGHENBAUGH
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN
NELSON E. BARKER
WALTER A. SCAMMAN
ELMER R. WIGGIN

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY TAX WARRANT

Levy of 1948

DR.

Property taxes committed to Collector	$32,730.78	
Interest collected	3.72	
Total Debits		$32,734.50

CR.

Total remittances to Treasurer	$29,917.29	
Discounts allowed	118.50	
Uncollected as per Coll. list	2,698.71	
Total Credits		$32,734.50

SUMMARY OF POLL TAX WARRANT

Levy of 1948

DR.

Poll taxes committed to Coll.	$670.00	
Additional poll tax	2.00	
Interest collected	.04	
Extra charges collected	1.20	
Total Debits		$673.24

CR.

Total remittances to Treasurer	$527.24	
Abatements by Selectmen	14.00	
Uncollected as per Coll. list	132.00	
Total Credits		$673.24

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1947

DR.

Uncollected property taxes as of January 1, 1948	$2,788.08	
Interest collected during fiscal year	82.41	
Total Debits		$2,870.49

CR.

Total remittances to Treasurer	$2,870.49	
Total Credits		$2,870.49

Levy of 1947

DR.

Uncollected poll taxes as of January 1, 1948	$94.00	
Added Poll taxes	10.00	
Interest collected during year	2.31	
Extra charges collected	8.60	
Total Debits		$114.91

CR.

Total remittances to Treasurer	$110.91	
Abatements by Selectmen	4.00	
Total Credits		$114.91

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1948

DR.

	Tax sales on acct. of Levy of:		
	1948	1947	1946
(a) Taxes sold to Town during current fiscal year	0.00	103.22	0.00
(b) Balance of unredeemed taxes January 1, 1948	0.00	0.00	21.74
Interest collected after sale	0.00	.57	0.00
Redemption costs	0.00	1.27	0.00
Total Debits	0.00	105.06	21.74

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during year	0.00	62.72	0.00
Fees to Register of Deeds	0.00	.50	0.00
Unredeemed taxes Dec. 31, 1948	0.00	41.84	21.74
Total Credits	0.00	105.06	21.74

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH D. PARKMAN,

Collector of Taxes.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Total No. of dogs submitted for collection	131	
Female	26	
Male	105	
Total No. of Kennel licenses	1	
Collected 105 Males @ $2.00		$210.00
Collected 26 Females @ $5.00		130.00
Collected 1 Kennel license		12.00
Balance due town for 1947 licenses		7.80
Total		$359.80
Fees		27.20
		$332.60

Stratham, N. H., January 24th.

We have this day examined the accounts of Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk, relative to Dog Taxes and found the same properly cast and vouchered and that she has paid to Leslie C. Scammon, Town Treasurer the sum of $332.60.

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,
NORRIS W. BEAN,
Auditors, Town of Stratham.

Stratham, N. H., January 25, 1949

Town Clerks Report. In relation to Automobile Permits for the year ending December 31, 1948:

We have this day examined the accounts of Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk in relation to Auto Permits and find them correct, with proper Serial vouchers also checked serial numbers, and find that she has collected and paid to Leslie C. Scammon, Town Treasurer, Fourteen Hundred Fifty Dollars and Thirty One cents ($1,450.31.)

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,
NORRIS W. BEAN,
Auditors, Town of Stratham.

Report also the sum of $2.00 Filing Fee paid to Leslie C. Scammon, Town Treasurer, August 20, 1948.

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,
NORRIS W. BEAN,
Auditors, Town of Stratham.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1948		$4,333.25
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector:		
1947 Property taxes	$2,870.49	
1947 Poll taxes	110.91	
1948 Property taxes	29,917.29	
1948 Poll taxes	527.24	
Redemption tax sales	62.72	
		33,488.65
Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk:		
Automobile Permits	1,450.31	
Dog licenses	332.60	
Filing fee	2.00	
		1,784.91
Ernest T. Wiggin, Highway Agent:		
Breaking driveways	363.07	
Use of grader	12.25	
		375.32
State of New Hampshire:		
Savings Bank Tax	126.65	
Railroad Tax	18.28	
Interest and Dividends	1,177.31	
Refund Old Age Assistance	2.00	
Fire Patrol	83.24	
		1,407.48
John L. Emery, Janitor:		
Rent of Town Hall		116.00
Trustees Trust Fund:		
M. H. Hill Fund	10.05	
Park Fund	31.25	

Cemetery Fund	12.50	
C. E. Gear Fund	93.75	
		147.55
Exeter Banking Company, notes		8,000.00
Cemetery Lot		15.00
Sale Post Office Building		250.00
Town of Greenland, gravel		15.00
		$49,933.16
Paid on Selectmen's orders	$45,204.78	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1948	4,728.38	
		$49,933.16

DETAILED EXPENDITURES

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk	$234.80	
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector	417.91	
Robert S. Berry, Trustee	7.50	
Leslie C. Scammon, Treasurer	75.00	
Elmer R. Wiggin, Selectman	100.00	
Walter A. Scamman, Selectman	100.00	
Nelson E. Barker, Selectman	200.00	
		$1,135.21

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	2.20	
D. L. Garrison Co., auto and truck guide	4.50	
Robert S. Berry, trustee	9.15	
Hampton Pub. Co., town reports and checklist	210.50	
Frank H. Pearson, bonds	65.00	
Arthur W. Johnson, auditor	40.00	
Mary R. Tuck, postage and expenses	39.15	
N. H. Assessor's Assn., dues	2.00	
Exeter News Letter Co., sale notice of post office building	5.31	
Brown and Saltmarsh Inc., supplies	41.30	
Sargent Bros., printing collector supplies	15.00	
Hass and Forbes, Typewriter ex.	1.75	
Batchelder Bookstore, flags	7.05	
Ralph D. Parkman, postage and exp.	12.12	
John Green, records and transfers	15.60	
Leslie C. Scammon, postage	5.79	
Walter A. Scamman, expenses	14.50	
Nelson E. Barker, postage and exp.	16.25	
		507.17

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Marguerite Scamman, ballot clerk	9.00	
Gladys Chapman, ballot clerk	9.00	
Hilda Barker, ballot clerk	3.00	
Genevia Weeks, ballot clerk	6.00	
Bertha Parks, ballot clerk	9.00	
George C. Jewell, moderator	9.00	
Marguerite Doherty, treas., PTA, Dinners	25.00	
Levi Barker, supervisor	30.00	
Clifford Sharp, supervisor	30.00	
Arnold Whittaker, Jr., supervisor	30.00	
		160.00

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Myles Standish Watson, spraying trees	5.00	
Frank H. Pearson, Ins.	132.10	
Mary R. Tuck,, supplies	6.80	
Exeter and Hampton Elec. Co.	54.96	
Phillips N. Brooks, repairing windows	6.00	
Exeter Lumber Co.	2.88	
A. E. McRill Co., coal	101.50	
John L. Emery, janitor	180.00	
W. Douglas Scamman, ins. on sheds	45.00	
L. R. Chapman, labor	2.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, grading P. O. site	28.50	
Robert T. Wiggin, wood	40.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, wood	8.00	
Robert Young, wood	8.00	
		$620.74

POLICE DEPARTMENT

L. R. Chapman	80.85	
Arthur V. Deene	5.84	
		86.69

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ernest T. Wiggin, fire warden	89.90	
Exeter Fire department	390.00	
		479.90

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

L. R. Chapman	2.00	
		2.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Mary R. Tuck	19.50	
Frank Nay	.20	
		19.70

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter Roads

Ernest T. Wiggin, agent	3,339.12	
Landers and Griffin Inc., hauling tractor	80.00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., repairs on tractor	681.77	
Frank H. Pearson, Ins., on tractor	10.12	
Collector of Internal Revenue	76.30	

Summer Roads

Ernest T. Wiggin, agent	3,892.92	
Collector of Internal Revenue	49.66	
		8,129.89

DRIVEWAY FUND

Warren Chapman, damage to car	24.00	
Dyar Sales and Machinery Co., parts	38.35	
H. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts	42.72	
White's Welding Shop, welding	77.90	
F. Wilbur Jewell, hauling tractor	20.00	
		202.97

NEW EQUIPMENT

R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., plow and wing for tractor	2,263.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, expenses and labor	38.00	
Brackett and Shaw Co., parts	90.76	
White's Welding Shop, installing plow	100.00	
		2,491.76

LIBRARY

Gladys Chapman, librarian	100.00	
Frank H. Pearson, ins.	5.00	
W. Douglas Scamman, ins.	17.00	
Robert T. Wiggin, wood	20.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, wood	33.00	
John P. Kimball, repairs on furnace	17.40	
Exeter and Hampton Elec. Co.	11.00	
		203.40

TOWN POOR

Rockingham County Home and Hos.	1,810.00	
Rose Hunting	142.50	
Bill's Grocery	10.00	
		1,962.50

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire	1,524.58	
		1,524.58

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Frank H. Pearson, ins. on flag pole	6.00	
Charles McQuillan painting flag pole	35.00	
Stratham Hardware and Lumber Co., paint and rope	11.50	
Elmer R. Wiggin, labor	10.00	
Barker Bros., mowing park	15.00	
		77.50

CEMETERIES

John L. Emery	100.00	
		100.00

TOWN SHEDS

Collector of Internal Revenue	44.69	
Overhead Door Sales Co., door	593.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, cement work and grading	513.97	
Barker Bros., labor and truck	11.00	
Portsmouth Hardware and Plumbing Co.	2.19	
Alfred E. Beairsto, carpenter work	809.10	
W. A. Scamman, paint	29.08	
Frank W. Tuck	.64	
F. Wilbur Jewell, furnace	100.00	
John H. Beairsto, wiring sheds	107.59	
		2,211.26

MISCELLANEOUS

Abatements	45.16	
Interest	70.83	
State Aid Construction	214.98	
Taxes bought	103.22	
Seacoast Reg. Develop. Ass'n.	66.00	
Note in anticipation of taxes	8,000.00	
Legal expenses	103.27	
County Tax	3,518.76	
School District	13,167.29	
		25,289.51
Total Expenditures		$45,204.78

HIGHWAY REPORT

Ernest T. Wiggin, Agent

Ernest T. Wiggin, agent	1,780.90
Barker Brothers, truck and labor	1,332.40
Norris Chapman, labor	129.45
Perley Wells, labor	100.16
George Cammett, labor	125.70
Francis Wiggin, labor	130.13
Warren Chapman, labor	79.07
Earl L. Wiggin, truck and labor	230.10
Francis M. Hatch, labor	81.59
Irving Spencer, Jr., labor	65.65
Albert H. Stevens, truck	183.75
Edwin Buckman, labor	27.00
Walter Scamman truck	63.25
State of New Hampshire, grader and culvert	135.63
John N. Schoch, labor	8.18
A. J. Lavoilette, gas	11.55
A. J. Turcotte, hardware	12.84
Dougald Sewall, snow removal	66.50
Charles Pantelakos, labor	5.85
Walter Humes, labor	100.50
Frederick Doherty, labor	51.78
Carl Stockbridge, repairs, gas and oil	166.16
Harold Stapleford, welding and repair	38.50
Frank W. Tuck, gas and oil	44.60
Richard H. Wiggin, labor	65.89
H. H. McGuire and Co., tar	1,228.51
William Chaffin, gas	3.39
Landers and Griffin, bulldozer	171.75
Stratham Hardware and Lumber Co., supplies	4.30
Vernon Seavey, truck	23.80

William Caswell, truck and gravel	90.00	
Clifford Harris, labor	3.75	
Russell Merrill, truck	10.20	
David Batchelder, truck	10.20	
Edward Cooper, labor	5.64	
White's Welding Shop, welding	26.96	
Richard Rogers, labor	4.35	
R. C. Hazelton and Co., hydraulic oil	5.00	
Stanley French, labor	9.00	
Winthrop Pike, labor	22.10	
Phillips N. Brooks, labor	5.25	
Riverside Machinery and Tool Co., repairs	7.00	
Young Hardware Co., bolts	1.32	
Russell Chapman, labor	137.45	
Happy's Garage, repairs	29.50	
Lewis Filion, shovel	249.00	
Nelson Barker, labor	4.00	
Earl N. Marcotte, truck	10.50	
Lafayette Construction Co., shovel	102.00	
Elmer R. Wiggin, labor	6.93	
Donald Rogers, labor	53.68	
Ralph Doughenbaugh, team	5.00	
Arthur H. Jewell, labor	26.08	
Robert Berry, tractor	10.00	
		$7,303.79
Received from Selectmen		7,246.04
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1948		57.75
		$7,303.79

TOWN HALL

REPORT OF J. LAMSON EMERY, Janitor

January 1, 1948 — December 31, 1948

Entertainments	$40.00	
Grange Fair	4.00	
Lower Hall	4.00	
Dances	24.00	
Winnicut Grange, rent of hall	40.00	
Rockingham Pomona Grange	3.00	
		$115.00
Balance paid, Leslie Scammon, treasurer		115.00

Free Meetings

Town Meeting	Upper Hall
Christmas Party (three schools)	Upper Hall
P. T. A.	Upper Hall
Primary	Upper Hall
Boy Scouts	Lower Hall
4-H Club	Lower Hall
Special Town Meeting (new school)	Upper Hall
November Election	Upper Hall
Church Supper	Lower Hall

TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF STRATHAM

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated — January 14, 1949.

ROBERT S. BERRY,
RAYMOND E. TUCKER,
RUSSELL A. GRANTON,
Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, DECEMBER 31, 1948

Date of Creation	TRUST FUND — PURPOSE OF CREATION	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand
	Amanda Lane, Library Fund	Portsmouth Savings Bank	700.00	2	00.00	14.07	14.07	00.00
	Andrew Wiggin, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2	.07	2.01	2.00	.08
	James W. Foss, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	75.00	2	.89	1.51	2.00	.40
	Sarah Downs, care of lot in upper cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	50.00	2	.04	1.00	00.00	1.04
Apr. 18, 1919	Frank P. Leavitt, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2	2.67	2.05	1.00	3.72
Oct. 30, 1920	Elizabeth Woods, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	150.00	2	32.42	3.66	7.00	29.08
Jan. 14, 1922	John Scammon, care of lot in upper cemetery in which John and John J. Scammon are buried	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2	4.88	2.09	5.00	1.97
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, care of lot in upper cemetery	Piscataqua Savings Bank	100.00	2	.89	2.01	2.00	.90
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, Library Fund	Piscataqua Savings Bank	200.00	2	00.00	4.02	4.02	00.00
Nov. 11, 1925	Edmund B. Lane, Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	2½	00.00	25.00	25.00	00.00
Aug. 28, 1928	George L. Barker, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Levi and George Barker are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½	38.27	5.99	7.00	37.26
July 1, 1929	Elizabeth Baker, care of the Paine Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.89	2.53	2.00	1.42
Apr. 30, 1930	George W. Dixon, Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	2½	00.00	25.00	25.00	00.00
Feb. 11, 1930	Estate of M. Abbie Sanborn, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Greenleaf C. and Abigale Brown are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.53	2.51	2.00	1.04

Feb. 24, 1931	Elizabeth H. Baker, care of the J. C. Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.64	2.51	2.00	1.15
Apr. 8, 1931	Laura A. Dixon, care of Dixon lot in lower cemetery	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	2½	41.57	6.10	7.00	40.67
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle Trust Fund interest to be paid to Mary F. Weeks, Westville, N. H., during her lifetime, at her death to go to the Wiggin Library in Stratham.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	950.00	2½	00.00	23.76	23.76	00.00
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle, care of cemetery on the Hiram Wiggin Farm in Stratham	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	2½	24.26	5.64	8.00	21.90
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hill Trust Fund for upkeep of Stratham Hill Park	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	2½	00.00	12.58	12.58	00.00
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hill Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	2½	00.00	25.00	25.00	00.00
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hill, for removing rocks from Town Roads	Amoskeag Savings Bank	5.00	2½	2.16	.14	00.00	2.30
Feb. 1, 1933	Elizabeth H. Baker, care of the Caroline Wingate Baker lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½	26.78	6.95	8.00	25.73
	Estate of Fannie F. Baker, care of the Caroline Wingate Baker lot	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00					
Jan. 14, 1934	Estate of Annie L. Harvey, care of the Annie L. Harvey lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	1.10	2.54	3.00	.64
July 3, 1936	Isabelle C. Wingate, care of the George Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	200.00	2	6.56	4.14	6.00	4.70
Jan. 23, 1937	Estate of J. H. LeRoy, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	22.87	2.46	00.00	25.33
Jan. 28, 1937	Heirs of Joseph T. Smart, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	.60	2.01	2.00	.61
Jan. 30, 1938	Edward Clapp, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	1.32	2.54	2.00	1.86
June 23, 1938	George H. Ellison, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	5.40	2.64	5.00	3.04
July 20, 1939	George Bowley, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	21.07	3.04	00.00	24.11
Nov. 16, 1939	Hannah M. Barker, care of cemetery lot on the Ezra Barker farm in Stratham	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	14.77	2.88	00.00	17.65

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, DECEMBER 31, 1948

Date of Creation	TRUST FUND — PURPOSE OF CREATION	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand
June 6, 1944	Charles E. Clark, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½	4.16	5.13	3.00	6.29
Sept. 26, 1944	Albert P. Smith, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.53	2.51	00.00	3.04
Sept. 26, 1944	Nathaniel Wiggin, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½	.81	3.78	3.00	1.59
Mar. 29, 1945	Lyman J. Batchelder, care of lot in upper cemetery in which Albert A., Sarah F. Batchelder and others are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.56	2.51	2.00	1.07
Oct. 15, 1945	John Wiggin, care of lot in lower cemetery		200.00	2½	5.73	5.16	5.00	5.89
July 1945	War Memorial Fund							
	One Series F War Bond	Fed. Reserve Bank, Boston	1,000.00	2½				
Feb. 25, 1946	John A. Scammon Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½	5.77	3.40	5.00	4.17
Apr. 12, 1946	Charles E. Gear Trust Fund	U. S. Savings Bond Series G						
		Fed. Reserve Bank, Boston	5,000.00	2½	34.33	44.43	5.00	73.76
Mar. 27, 1947	Minnie S. Sanderson—Cemetery fund	Exeter Banking Company	250.00	2	3.33	5.08	8.00	.41
Apr. 15. 1947	Capital Reserve Fund for Central School	Exeter Banking Company	1,000.00	2	15.05	20.40	00.00	35.45
July 27, 1948	William Dining Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	00.00	.83	00.00	.83

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Balance on hand January 1, 1948		3.70
Interest on:		
G. W. Dixon Fund	22.50	
E. B. Lane Fund	22.50	
M. H. Hill Fund	22.50	
Amanda M. Lane Fund	14.07	
Mary J. Roberts Fund	4.02	
Chas. E. Gear Fund	107.00	
Interest on Bank a/c	.86	
		$197.15
Paid:		
Goodman's Book Store	149.50	
Balance on hand December 31, 1948	47.65	
		$197.15

NEW BOOKS - 1948

Bailey, H. G. ..... I Have A Rope
Bassett, Sara Ware ..... Within the Harbor
Batchelder, Martha .... The Art of Hooked Rug Making
Bean, George H. ..... Yankee Auctioneer
Berlin, Ellin ..... Lace Curtains
Beston, Henry ..... Northern Farm
Brace, Gerald W. ..... The Garretson Chronicle
Briggs, Argye M. ..... Root Out of Dry Ground
Bromfield, Louis ..... The Wild Country
Bush, Christopher ..... The Case of the Curious Client
Carnegie, Dale .... How to Stop Worrying and Start Living
Chase, Mary Ellen ..... Jonathan Fisher
Christie, Agatha ..... Witness for Prosecution
Coles, Manning ..... Among Those Absent
Cronin, A. J. ..... Shannon's Way
Curran, Mary Doyle ..... The Parish on the Hill
de Wohl, Louis ..... The Living Wood
Douglas, Lloyd C. ..... The Big Fisherman
Eagleson, H. M. ..... Laughing Into Glory
Eisenhower, Dwight W. ..... Crusade in Europe
Farley, James A. ..... Jim Farley's Story
Fletcher, Inglis ..... Roanoke Hundred
Giggs, Philip ..... The Hopeful Heart
Goudge, Elizabgeth ..... Pilgrim's Inn
Gould, John ..... The House that Jacob Built
Gould, R. E. ..... Yankee Drummer
Green, Graham ..... The Heart of the Matter
Hill, Grace Livingston ..... Mary Arden
Hobart, Alice Tisdale ..... The Cleft Rock
Idell, Albert E. ..... The Great Blizzard
Keyes, Frances Parkingson ..... Crescent Carnival
Keyes, Frances Parkingson ..... Dinner at Antoine's
Nathan, Robert ..... Long After Summer
Nesbitt, Henrietta ..... White House Diary

Newell, Hope ..... The Little Old Woman Who Used Her ..... Head
Newell, Hope ..... More About the Little Old Woman ..... Who Used Her Head
MacDonald, Betty ..... The Plague and I
Mason, F. Van Wyck ..... Eagle in the Sky
Morton, H. V. ..... In Search of South Africa
Queen, Ellery ..... Ten Days' Wonder
Rinehart, Mary Roberts ..... A Light in the Window
Seifert, Shirley ..... The Proud Way
Shute, Nevil ..... No Highway
Skinner, Cornelia Otis ..... Family Circle
Smith, Dodie ..... I Capture the Castle
Smith, Betty ..... Tomorrow Will be Better
Stout, Rex ..... And Be a Villain
Taylor, Caldwell ..... Melissa
Turnbull, Agnes Sligh ..... The Bishop's Mantle
Vance, Ethel ..... Secret Thread
Warner, Esther ..... New Song in a Strange Land
Wentworth, Patricia ..... Eternity Ring
Wentworth, Patricia ..... Miss Silver Comes to Stay
White, Nelia Gardner ..... No Trumpet Before Him
Wilder, Robert ..... Bright Feather
White, W. L. ..... Lost Boundaries
Woodbury, George ..... John Goffe's Mill
Yates, Elizabeth ..... Beloved Bondage

Marquis, James ..... The Metropolitan Life
Presented by Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.

Miller, John A. ..... Men and Volts at War
Presented by General Electric Co.

Book Circulation:

Total	1,098
Fiction	725
Non-fiction	170
Juvenile	203

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are herby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the eighth day of March 1949, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the es-

timated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will authorize a committee to study the feasibility of the Stratham school district becoming a member of a cooperative school district, request the State Board of Education to assist in the preparation of a plan for the proposed cooperative school district and to prepare a complete report to the school district for presentation at either a special meeting called in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Laws, Chapter 139, or at the next annual school district meeting.

10. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to bond the town up to $60,000.00 for construction of a new elementary school.

11. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to be placed in the reserved fund toward a new Central School.

12. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the repair of the school fences and other deferred maintenance on the school buildings.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this seventeenth day of February, 1949.

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,
ARNOLD WHITTAKER,
RAYMOND E. TUCKER,
School Board of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,
ARNOLD WHITTAKER,
RAYMOND E. TUCKER,
School Board of Stratham.

SPECIAL REPORT ON WARRANT

The School Board wishes to explain the reason for the insertion in the warrant of articles nine thru twelve inclusive. Exeter School District has expressed interest in a cooperative school. It has been requested of us that we include article nine in order that it may be studied and that a definite plan be presented to the voters of the several districts involved for a definite decision a year from now.

For several years now the School Board has adopted a policy in regards to maintenance of the school buildings of only doing the most necessary work. This was based on the theory that the district was prepared at an early date to either build a new building or consolidate with other towns. As a result of this policy the fences have deteriorated and there is an accumulated amount of deferred maintenance. The Board feels it is now time to ask the District for such instructions as they may wish to give them on the continuation of this policy.

School Board of Stratham.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

1949 - 1950

Teachers Salaries	6,900.00
Text Books	225.00
Scholars' Supplies	250.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	25.00
Janitor Service	350.00
Water, Lights and Janitors Supplies	200.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	500.00
Health Supervision	275.00
Transportation	3,900.00
Elementary Tuition	3,335.00
High School Tuition	5,365.00
Salary of District Officers	101.50
Expenses of Administration	250.00
Truant Officer and School Census	10.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	225.00
Per Capita Tax	262.00
Teachers Retirement	210.00
Total	$22,833.50
Est. Surplus June 30, 1949	00.00
Est. State Audit	5,509.11
Appropriation necessary balance budget	$17,324.39

NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1947

and ending June 30, 1948

Of the

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,
ARNOLD WHITTAKER,
RAYMOND TUCKER,
School Board.

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:		
Nat. School Lunch (Food and Nonfood)	$86.07	
Total		$86.07
State Aid:		
Equalization and (or) General Aid	5,517.51	
Total		5,517.51
Local Taxation:		
Support of schools, tuition, salaries debt and interest and other statutory obligations	12,372.29	
Total		12,372.29
From Sources other than Taxation:		
Dog licenses	295.00	
Secondary School tuitions, refund	20.80	
Other receipts	300.00	
Total		615.80
Total receipts from all sources		$18,951.67
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1947		1,193.45
Grand Total		$19,785.12

PAYMENTS

Administration:	
Salaries of district officers	$138.63
Superintendent's excess salary	208.98
Tax for state wide supervision	272.00
Expenses of administration:	
Supplies and expenses	250.40
Instruction:	
Principals' and teachers' salaries	5,900.00
Text Books	227.82
Scholars' Supplies	175.71
Other expenses of instruction:	
Clerical assistants	10.35
Supplies, (& flags), other exp.	4.95
Operation of School Plant:	
Janitors' salaries	403.94
Fuel or heat	331.32
Water, light, janitors' supplies	106.42
Repairs and replacements	736.76
Auxiliary Activities:	
Health Supervision:	
Salaries	250.00
Supplies and expenses	6.59
Transportation:	
Contract services	3,900.00
Tuition-Elem. and Secondary*	5,451.00
Other activities:	
Food	86.07
Other	175.48
Fixed Charges:	
State retirement and other	135.00

Capital Outlay:		
Land and new buildings	420.00	
New equipment	381.59	
Total Payments for All Purposes		$19,552.21
Total cash on hand		212.11
Grand Total		$19,785.12

* Includes Item C on previous page.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and and other financial records of the school board of Stratham of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALICE S. JEWELL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Stratham:

I take pleasure in submitting my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

In the long run a community provides the kind of education for its children and youth that the whole community wants. The school does not belong to the superintendent, the principal or the teachers. It belongs to all the people. All American youth need formal education at least until they reach the age of eighteen. For such education to be meaningful to them, modifications must be made in many current school programs which were originally designed primarily for pupils seeking entrance to college.

Some objectives generally accepted by good modern schools are listed.

The school should

1. develop self-disciplined and responsible citizens who will live harmoniously with other members of the community.

2. develop and promote good physical and mental health.

3. develop in the youth the ability to use the tools of learning effectively.

4. develop in each youth employable skills for securing a respectable place in society.

5. teach youth to use leisure time wisely.

6. provide experiences to develop worthy home membership.

7. give knowledge of how to purchase and use goods and services intelligently.

8. develop an interest in and an appreciation of art, music, radio, screen and stage.

9. stimulate interest in and an understanding of the part that science plays in modern living.

For education to attain these objectives, the first requirement is full cooperation of citizens and parents, teachers and students.

A second requirement is to have competent teachers in charge of our young people, for a school can be no stronger than the teachers who are employed there.

A third requirement is to have adequate physical facilities such as school buildings and playgrounds which will assist rather than hinder the attainment of the objectives of modern education. Following are some yardsticks which can be used to help us to determine how adequate our present facilities are:

1. Housing facilities — Does the building provide accommodations to meet the increasing enrollments so that no room needs to house more than twenty-five students?

2. Age of Building — Is the building modern enough to meet the requirements of present day education?

3. Size of playground — Does the playground meet the national standard of five acres for the site and an additional acre for each one hundred students?

4. Provisions for cafeteria and auditorium — Does the building have a cafeteria and a combination auditorium and gymnasium?

If some of the above requirements are not being met to the degree which you feel they should be, may I encourage you to give serious consideration regarding what

can be done to fulfill these needs, for I am sure that you as an active and interested citizen are eager to have your community provide the best possible training which it can afford for its young people. There is no better investment in this troubled world than investment in youth.

Stratham has a well qualified and experienced staff of teachers who are doing very satisfactory work. Miss Edna Crane and Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill have returned to their former positions. Mrs. Hilda Barker is a welcome addition to the staff as teacher of grades 1 and 2. These are supplemented by Mrs. Leona Foster as teacher of music and Mrs. Regene Matthews as teacher of art. These two activities are important parts of the school program. Mrs. Eloise Sheehy continues her faithful and competent service as school nurse.

The immediate problem facing Stratham is school housing. The three school buildings which are now used are filled to capacity and a large enrollment is expected in the first grade for next year. Serious consideration should be given immediately to this situation, for the problem is now present and there is every indication it will become increasingly acute for the next several years.

I wish to congratulate the Parent-Teacher Association for its interest in the educational program.

I call your attention to the reports and tables which follow. I trust these will be of interest to you.

I wish to thank the citizens of Stratham, the members of the School Board, and the teachers for their fine cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. HOYT,
Supt. of Supervisory Union No. 16

Stratham, N. H., January 21, 1949.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Continuing with last year's work, further drill, sight reading, note reading and elimination of monotones have been given. The children's voices have shown a marked improvement and the good musical performances of the Christmas program prove this.

The regular singing and reading program has been enriched with appreciation lessons through the use of the victrola, rhythmic work with instruments, and folk dancing.

Two-part singing is still confined to the fifth and sixth grades as we had to catch up on the years lost with no music teacher. However, the work is progressing very well and the children's enthusiasm helps tremendously.

A piano is still needed at the Plains School and we could use good victrolas and money for records.

May I express at this time my appreciation to Mr. Hoyt, the parents, the PTA, the teachers and most of all to the children for the fine co-operation and spirit shown by all

Respectfully submitted,

LEONA FOSTER,

Supervisor of Music.

Stratham, N. H., January 14, 1949.

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The art course given in the schools this year has stressed creativeness. Every child should have an opportunity to develop his own talents and abilities, cultivate his own interests and express his own emotions. In so far as possible this self-expression has been encouraged and guided by helpful and constructive suggestions and individual criticisms. The use of patterns and copying have been discouraged as this only stunts the imagination.

The students of the first four grades have been working with crayons, cut paper and poster paint, depicting stories, school and seasonal activities. As the first grade is large, a great deal of work has been planned for their particular benefit. The third and fourth grade have planned several large murals as a group project.

The fifth and sixth grade have been using crayons, poster paint and textile paint. They have continued their studies of color harmony utilizing their knowledge in the various projects taken up during the school year. A great deal of time has been spent in developing skill in the cutting of stencils and the various stenciling methods such as brush and spatter techniques which will be utilized in the textile stenciling project.

In closing I would like to thank the Superintendent, the teachers and children of Stratham for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

REGENE P. MATTHEWS

Stratham, N. H., January 14, 1949.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Following is the report of the school nurse from January 1, 1948, to January 1, 1949.

At the beginning of the year schools are inspected, and fresh first-aid supplies are placed in the schools for the use of the pupils.

During the early autumn all children are weighed and measured and again during the winter and spring terms. A weight and growth chart is kept in the schools for pupils. Examinations are made of eyes, teeth, hearing, tonsils and posture. Skin and hair are examined frequently. Immunization against small-pox and diphtheria are recorded. All defects found are reported to parents.

A dental clinic was held as usual in Dr. Winkler's office in Exeter during the spring months. Transportation was furnished by the school nurse. The dental clinic and milk program were sponsored by the Stratham Red Cross.

All children in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 were given the audiometer test for hearing. The Maico individual test was given to the children who did not pass the group test. I hope that in the near future we can own a Maico Audiometer for individual testing. With this audiometer we can test the hearing of the first and second grade pupils which is important.

Following is the report of the annual physical examination:

Number of pupils examined	80
Number of pupils ten pounds underweight	8
Number of pupils with defective vision	4
corrected	4

Number of pupils with defective teeth	38
corrected	4
Number of pupils with defective tonsils	14
corrected	2
Number of pupils with defective hearing	3
Receiving treatment	3
Number of pupils with enlarged glands	2

All children are vaccinated. Bi-weekly visits are made to the schools.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation of our Superintendent, Mr. Hoyt, teachers, School Board, Parent-Teacher Association and the Red Cross.

Respectfully submitted,

ELOISE B. SHEEHY, R. N.

Stratham, New Hampshire
January 10, 1949

TABLE I
STRATHAM PUPILS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1949

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P.G.	Totals
Plains	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Hill	0	0	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Ridge	0	0	0	0	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Portsmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
Exeter	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	2	1	3	3	0	22
Robinson Seminary	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	7	3	5	4	0	29
St. Michael	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dover High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Greenland Elem.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Emerson School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Exeter Day	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	15	11	15	12	12	16	13	12	11	5	10	7	1	140
1948 Comparison	9	13	12	11	15	12	14	12	6	9	7	4	0	124

TABLE II
STRATHAM SCHOOLS
STATISTICS FOR TEN YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1948

School Year	Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Ave. Attend.	Ave. Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Attend.	Cases Tardiness	Visits of Supt.	Visits of Others	Ave. Salary
1938-39	38	37	32	69	58.88	3.61	62.49	94.00	4	71	111	975.00
1939-40	38	33	29	62	52.24	2.57	54.81	96.00	24	56	110	1000.00
1940-41	37	36	41	77	60.62	4.20	64.82	94.00	7	72	65	975.00
1941-42	37	38	44	82	65.46	3.84	69.30	94.95	6	74	40	1000.00
1942-43	38	46	37	83	69.21	6.24	75.45	92.00	23	51	93	1050.00
1943-44	38	47	42	89	69.34	5.41	74.75	93.00	11	57	74	1125.00
1944-45	37	32	40	72	61.26	4.89	66.15	92.60	15	78	111	1200.00
1945-46	37	42	34	76	70.02	4.19	74.21	94.35	33	82	108	1233.33
1946-47	36	36	37	73	65.66	3.01	68.67	95.61	10	63	149	1366.66
1947-48	37	38	35	73	69.52	3.30	72.82	95.46	23	69	33	1800.00

TABLE III
PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

ROBERTA FRENCH JAMES McQUILLAN JEAN PIPER
PATRICIA ROWELL W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN, JR.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

Date 1948	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 5	Exeter	Nancy Ann McNally	Everett McNally	Beatrice I. Kern	Lynn, Mass.	Lewiston, Maine
Feb. 1	Exeter	Linda J. Scamman	Richard Scamman	Barbara Yeaton	Stratham, N. H.	Portsmouth, N.H.
Feb. 7	Exeter	Robin M. Houston	Charles S. Houston	Dorcas Tiemeyer	New York, N. Y.	Ch'rleston, W. Va.
Mar. 21	Exeter	Robert H. Whittaker	Arnold Whittaker	Jean B. Whittaker	Winchester, M'ss.	White Plains, NY
Mar. 29	Exeter	Janet Parker	George D. Parker	Virginia Hewitt	Everett, Wash.	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 30	Exeter	Donna Mary Barker	Donald L. Barker	Evelyn Haughton	Exeter, N. H.	N. Bedford, Mass.
April 7	Exeter	Sharon E. Wells	Victor Wells	Myrtle M. Brown	Stratham, N. H.	Exeter, N. H.
April 14	Exeter	Ronald B. Calef	Robert G. Calef	Olive B. Moore	Haverhill, Mass.	N. London, N.H.
May 3	Exeter	Kathryn A. Wiggin	Robert T. Wiggin	B. Christofferson	Stratham, N. H.	Salem, Mass.
May 13	Exeter	Katherine P. Berry	Robert S. Berry	Marjorie E. Cleary	Haverhill, Mass.	Dorchester, Mass.
May 31	Exeter	Brian Dale Carbin	Robert E. Carbin	E. J. Stockbridge	Greenfield, Mass.	Exeter, N. H.
July 6	Exeter	Perley Dan Rawson	Verne Rawson, Jr.	Irene Davey	Stratham, N. H.	Portsmouth, N.H.
July 26	Exeter	Robert H. Wells	Walter C. Wells	Hazel E. Bostwick	Monticello, Geo.	Waukaesha, Wis.
Aug. 8	Exeter	Marie E. LaBrack	Clayton LaBrack	Harriett Hamilton	Worcester, Mass.	Exeter, N. H.
Aug. 11	Exeter	Susan J. Laviolette	Edward Laviolette	M. F. Courtney	Le'minister, M'ss.	Haverhill, Mass.
Aug. 26	Exeter	Penny Karon Wolfe	Leonard E. Wolfe	Eunice L. Tripp	Ontario, Calf.	Yarmouth, Mass.
Sept. 14	Exeter	Marilyn R. French	Stanley G. French	Ruth A. Rye	Exeter, N. H.	Dover, N. H.
Sept. 23	Exeter	Gail Ann Jette	John V. Jette	Jane M. Granton	Exeter, N. H.	Haverhill, Mass.
Sept. 25	N. Lon. Ct.	Marilyn Rae Cheney	George R. Cheney	Beatrice L. Brown	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Exeter, N. H.
Nov. 2	Exeter	Ellen Saltonstall	Henry Saltonstall	Cecilia B. Drinker	Boston, Mass.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Nov. 12	Exeter	Nancy Jean Hutton	John Hutton, Jr.	Charlotte M. York	Hampstead, N. H.	Wilton, Maine

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

Date 1948	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sin., Mar. or Wid.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Feb. 3	Iva Mary Goud	72		10	Lisbon, Maine	M	Gilbert H. Proctor	Elizabeth Brown
Mar. 19	Carl Hulburt Dahl	73	3	23	Lanesboro, Minn.	M	Nels Dahl	Hannah Hansen
May 19	Gladys Houghton	51	2	3	Oldham, England	M	John Booth	Eda Lees
Aug. 10	Frederick E. Goud	80	11	4	Dresden, Maine	M	Frederick C. Goud	Isadore Thompson
Nov. 12	Susan F. Cushman	67	0	12	Stratham, N. H.	M	Otis B. French	Mary E. Marston

DIED ELSEWHERE, BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

April 6	Sarah A. F. Sheehy	77	9	24	Hingham, Mass.	M	William H. Lard	Hannah Gardner
May 31	George H. Wiggin	83	9	29	Stratham, N. H.	M	Benarah Wiggin	Jennie M. Wiggin
July 2	Mary I. Garven	74	8	17	W. Newbury, Mass.	S	George E. Garven	Mary Smith
Nov. 1	Ethel Egerton	83			Randolph, Vt.	S	John B. Egerton	Edna Flint
Nov. 3	William J. Chisholm	75	10	5	Lynn, Mass.	M	James T. Chisholm	Naomi Vickery
Nov. 19	Elliott Cooper	68			Morgantown, N. B.	M	James E. Cooper	Elizabeth Sweeney
Dec. 16	Charles Harvey	90	4	23	Northwood, N. H.	W	Francis T. Harvey	Ann Robinson
May 23	Alice C. Batchelder	79	6	15	Stratham, N. H.	M	William Brown	Agusta Moulton
	Ashes scattered in back of Stratham Hill Park May 23, 1948 by Brown and Trottier, Undertakers of Newmarket, N. H.							

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

Date 1948	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Years	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	By Whom Married
				Robert P. Garrett	
Jan. 10	Robert E. Garrett	40	Gloucester, Mass.	Rosalie Amero	Arthur P. Stewart
	Josephine Jewell	32	Stratham, N. H.	Charles Jewell	Justice of the Peace
				Hester A. Harton	
				Peter J. Thesson	
Feb. 28	John P. Thesson	28	New York City, N. Y.	Virginia Kokales	Rev. Everard W. Snow
	Virginia A. Spencer	19	Exeter, N. H.	Irving E. Spencer	
				Gladys Pettingill	
				John P. Leary	
Feb. 28	John Leary	49	Tewksbury, Mass.	Mary Flaherty	D. Watson Ladd
	Dorothy H. Liddell	31	Forest Hills, Mass.	Alexander Hudson	Justice of the Peace
				Harriett Pope	
				Vernon L. Pettingill	
April 3	Clarence I. Pettingill	22	Portland, Maine	Lois A. Watson	Marian T. Brewster
	Rosemarie Gendron	19	Newmarket, N. H.	Joseph A. Gendron	Justice of the Peace
				Ida Brunno	
				Frederick S. Tucker	
June 5	Donald Skeele Tucker	63	Peoria, Illinois	Mary Stahley	Rev. Everard W. Snow
	Edith Maude Kingsbury	64	Boston, Mass.	Charles L. Kingsbury	
				Lucy I. Jones	
				Ralph Brown	
Sept. 4	George E. Brown	27	Sterling, Mass.	Lillian Ripley	Rev. Leverett B. Davis
	Frances A. Jewell	24	Exeter, N. H.	Charles E. Jewell	
				Hester A. Harton	

Dec.	28	Donald E. Plimpton Alice L. Wiggin	22 19	Boston, Mass. Portsmouth, N. H.	Herbert R. Plimpton Miriam Peach Earl L. Wiggin Ruth A. Hopper	Rev. Everard W. Snow